



EAST BROOKFIELD

Worcester County



[NARRATIVE](#)
[GEOGRAPHY](#)
[GOVERNMENT](#)
[DEMOGRAPHICS](#)
[HOUSING CHARACTERISTICS](#)
[TRANSPORTATION](#)
[CULTURE AND RECREATION](#)
[MISCELLANEOUS](#)



NARRATIVE

Narrative

The Town of East Brookfield, birthplace of Connie Mack of baseball fame, sits astride the old Bay Path in Central Massachusetts and shares three beautiful lakes with neighboring towns.

This friendly community, youngest in the Commonwealth, was incorporated in 1920 when the Honorable Calvin Coolidge was Governor. Town residents take pride in their school system, churches, town services, senior citizen activities and the many volunteers who make municipal holiday observances possible and secure the success of the town's charitable events. The Fourth of July celebration is a family affair, capped with a massive fireworks display that attracts thousands of spectators.

East Brookfield has a nine-hole golf course, bowling lanes, lakes for swimming, sailing, fishing and water sports, a Little League ball field and year-round Recreation Department activities for residents' enjoyment. The town also has many small businesses providing for community needs and giving employment to many.

Town residents are fond of the small community and proud of what has been accomplished since East Brookfield was founded.

(Narrative supplied by community)



GEOGRAPHY

Location

Central Massachusetts, bordered by North Brookfield on the north, Spencer on the east, Charlton on the southeast corner, and Brookfield on the west. East Brookfield is 14 miles west of Worcester, 36 miles east of Springfield, and 54 miles west of Boston.

Total Area: 10.37 sq. miles

Land Area: 9.84 sq. miles

Population: 2,033

Density: 207 per sq. mile

Climate

(National Climatic Data Center)

(East Brimfield Lake Station)

Normal temperature in January.....21.5°F

Normal temperature in July.....70.3°F

Normal annual precipitation.....45.0"

U.S.G.S. Topographical Plates

East Brookfield

Regional Planning Agency

Central Massachusetts

Metropolitan Statistical Area

(1993 Definition)

Worcester



GOVERNMENT

Municipal Offices

Main Number: (508) 867-6769

[Telephone Numbers for Public Information](#)

Form of Government

Board of Selectmen

Open Town Meeting

Year Incorporated

As a town: 1920

Registered Voters (Secretary of State 1994)

	Number	%	
Total Registered	1,090		
Democrats	315	28.9	%
Republicans	180	16.5	%
Other parties	0	0.0	%
Unenrolled Voters	595	54.6	%

Legislators

[Senators and Representatives by City and Town](#)



DEMOGRAPHICS

Table DP-1. Profile of General Demographic Characteristics: 2000

Geographic Area: East Brookfield town, Worcester County, Massachusetts

[For information on confidentiality protection, nonsampling error, and definitions, see text]

Subject	Number	Percent	Subject	Number	Percent
Total population.....	2,097	100.0	HISPANIC OR LATINO AND RACE		
SEX AND AGE			Total population.....	2,097	100.0
Male.....	1,042	49.7	Hispanic or Latino (of any race).....	16	0.8
Female.....	1,055	50.3	Mexican.....	2	0.1
Under 5 years.....	124	5.9	Puerto Rican.....	5	0.2
5 to 9 years.....	158	7.5	Cuban.....	-	-
10 to 14 years.....	161	7.7	Other Hispanic or Latino.....	9	0.4
15 to 19 years.....	136	6.5	Not Hispanic or Latino.....	2,081	99.2
20 to 24 years.....	91	4.3	White alone.....	2,054	97.9
25 to 34 years.....	233	11.1	RELATIONSHIP		
35 to 44 years.....	397	18.9	Total population.....	2,097	100.0
45 to 54 years.....	307	14.6	In households.....	2,097	100.0
55 to 59 years.....	120	5.7	Householder.....	778	37.1
60 to 64 years.....	91	4.3	Spouse.....	511	24.4
65 to 74 years.....	139	6.6	Child.....	647	30.9
75 to 84 years.....	107	5.1	Own child under 18 years.....	486	23.2
85 years and over.....	33	1.6	Other relatives.....	83	4.0
Median age (years).....	38.6	(X)	Under 18 years.....	37	1.8
18 years and over.....	1,560	74.4	Nonrelatives.....	78	3.7
Male.....	765	36.5	Unmarried partner.....	43	2.1
Female.....	795	37.9	In group quarters.....	-	-
21 years and over.....	1,497	71.4	Institutionalized population.....	-	-
62 years and over.....	329	15.7	Noninstitutionalized population.....	-	-
65 years and over.....	279	13.3	HOUSEHOLD BY TYPE		
Male.....	124	5.9	Total households.....	778	100.0
Female.....	155	7.4	Family households (families).....	600	77.1
RACE			With own children under 18 years.....	254	32.6
One race.....	2,086	99.5	Married-couple family.....	511	65.7
White.....	2,066	98.5	With own children under 18 years.....	207	26.6
Black or African American.....	9	0.4	Female householder, no husband present.....	64	8.2
American Indian and Alaska Native.....	5	0.2	With own children under 18 years.....	33	4.2
Asian.....	3	0.1	Nonfamily households.....	178	22.9
Asian Indian.....	-	-	Householder living alone.....	147	18.9
Chinese.....	-	-	Householder 65 years and over.....	75	9.6
Filipino.....	-	-	Households with individuals under 18 years.....	282	36.2
Japanese.....	-	-	Households with individuals 65 years and over.....	201	25.8
Korean.....	3	0.1	Average household size.....	2.70	(X)
Vietnamese.....	-	-	Average family size.....	3.07	(X)
Other Asian ¹	-	-	HOUSING OCCUPANCY		
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander.....	-	-	Total housing units.....	849	100.0
Native Hawaiian.....	-	-	Occupied housing units.....	778	91.6
Guamanian or Chamorro.....	-	-	Vacant housing units.....	71	8.4
Samoan.....	-	-	For seasonal, recreational, or		
Other Pacific Islander ²	-	-	occasional use.....	52	6.1
Some other race.....	3	0.1	Homeowner vacancy rate (percent).....	0.3	(X)
Two or more races.....	11	0.5	Rental vacancy rate (percent).....	3.7	(X)
Race alone or in combination with one			HOUSING TENURE		
or more other races: ³			Occupied housing units.....	778	100.0
White.....	2,077	99.0	Owner-occupied housing units.....	648	83.3
Black or African American.....	11	0.5	Renter-occupied housing units.....	130	16.7
American Indian and Alaska Native.....	9	0.4	Average household size of owner-occupied units.....	2.75	(X)
Asian.....	8	0.4	Average household size of renter-occupied units.....	2.40	(X)
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander.....	-	-			
Some other race.....	4	0.2			

- Represents zero or rounds to zero. (X) Not applicable.

¹ Other Asian alone, or two or more Asian categories.

² Other Pacific Islander alone, or two or more Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander categories.

³ In combination with one or more of the other races listed. The six numbers may add to more than the total population and the six percentages may add to more than 100 percent because individuals may report more than one race.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000.



HOUSING CHARACTERISTICS

Home Sales (Banker & Tradesman) -

[Town Stats - Free market Statistics](#)

Subsidized Housing Units (DHCD 1998)

[DHCD Subsidized Housing Inventory](#)

Subsidized Housing Units: The number of housing units which count toward the municipality's 10% goal for low- and moderate-income housing. It includes both subsidized affordable units and market rate units in certain eligible subsidized developments.

Public Housing Units (DHCD 1999)

Conventional State: 0

Conventional Federal: 0

Rental Assistance(DHCD 1999)

State (MRVP): 0

Federal (Section 8): 0



TRANSPORTATION

TRANSPORTATION AND ACCESS

Located in the Worcester area, which has three major cross-state highways: the Worcester Turnpike (Route 9), Route 20, and the Massachusetts Turnpike. I-495 borders in the east, I-190 connects to the Fitchburg-Leominster area, I-84 and I-395 connect to Connecticut and points south. The region is well connected by rail and highway to the ports, airports, and intermodal facilities of Boston and Providence.

Major Highways

Principal highways are the Worcester Turnpike (State Route 9) and State Routes 148 and 149.

Rail

Conrail provides freight service through East Brookfield. Contact number: (617) 783-6222

Bus

East Brookfield is a member of the Worcester Regional Transit Authority (WRTA) but does not receive services.

Other

The Worcester Municipal Airport, a Primary Commercial (PR) facility with scheduled passenger service, is easily accessible via State Route 9. It has 2 asphalt runways 5,500' and 6,999' long. Instrument approaches available: Precision and non-precision.



CULTURE AND RECREATION

LIBRARIES

[Board of Library Commissioners On-line Library Catalog](#)

MUSEUMS

(American Association of Museums)

None

RECREATION

[Telephone Numbers for Public Information](#)

Recreational Facilities (Recreational sites and activities)

[Department of Environmental Management Recreation Section](#)



MISCELLANEOUS

HEALTH FACILITIES

(Dept. of Public Health 1992)

Hospitals

None

Long Term Care

None

Hospices

None

Rest Homes

None

UTILITIES

[Telephone Numbers for Public Utilities](#)

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Department of Housing and Community Development would like to thank the many government agencies noted as having provided information for the community profiles. In addition to these agencies, the Regional Transit Authorities assisted with the transportation component of the profiles. We gratefully acknowledge the assistance of many city and town officials, which enabled us to include information obtainable only at the local level. DHCD would also like to thank the following individuals for providing special help: Leslie A. Kirwan, Deputy Commissioner, Division of Local Services, Department of Revenue; Richard Shibley, Deputy Secretary of State; Bob Beattie of the Department of Public Health; Charles W. Clifford from the Martha's Vineyard Commission; Dennis Coffey of the Executive Office of Transportation and Construction; Donna Fletcher and Christian Jacqz of the Executive Office of Environmental Affairs; James Griffin from the MBTA; Karen Loh from Banker & Tradesman; Todd Maio from the Department of Welfare; Geoffrey Morton from the Election Division of the Secretary of State's Office; Stephen R. Muench of the Massachusetts Aeronautics Commission; Rol Murrow of the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association; Mary Ann Neary and Emmanuelle Fletcher, reference librarians at the State House Library; Jeff Nellhaus from the Department of Education; and George Sanborn, reference librarian at the State Transportation Library.

NOTE: The COMMUNITY PROFILE draws information from a diversity of sources. The main source of information is listed under each section. In some instances comments submitted by the municipality were incorporated to correct and/or enhance the information obtained from the main source. However, no changes were made to those data bases which must be consistent throughout the state. DHCD has made efforts to ensure the accuracy of all data in the COMMUNITY PROFILES, but cannot take responsibility for any consequences arising from the use of the information contained in this document.